



CDC Connection:

For the Advisory Committee to the Director—June 2012

Issues and Alerts

About Half of U.S. Adults Did not Receive Key Preventive Health Services—[Use of Selected Clinical Preventive Services Among Adults—United States, 2007–2010](#) finds that only about half of U.S. adults received selected preventive services such as screenings, consultations, and prescriptions, from a health care professional before 2010. ([June 14 CDC Press Release](#); [June 14 LA Times](#)) ■ **Clarifying Reports on Vaccine Vulnerability**—Some findings from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General recently released report [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Program: Vulnerabilities in Vaccine Management](#) have been inaccurately reported. The report found that in 76% of provider offices, there were times when vaccine was exposed to inappropriate temperatures; the OIG did not find that 76% of all vaccine was stored improperly. ([June 7 CDC Media Statement](#)) ■ **Eye Diseases Rapidly Increasing**—[Vision Problems in the U.S.](#), a study from Prevent Blindness America, notes dramatic increases in diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration, as well as increased incidence of glaucoma and cataracts. ([June 20 WebMD](#), [June 20 Atlanta Journal Constitution](#)) ■ **Multistate Outbreak of *Escherichia coli* Infects 14 People**—CDC is collaborating with public health officials in multiple states to investigate a multistate outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* infections. ([June 19 CDC Website](#); [June 8 CNN](#)) ■ **Universal Motorcycle Helmet Laws Increase Helmet Use, Save Money**—Universal helmet laws help reduce crash-related injuries and deaths, and annual savings in states with universal motorcycle helmet laws were nearly four times greater (per registered motorcycle) than in states without comprehensive laws. ([June 14 CDC Press Release](#); [June 15 MMWR](#); [June 14 CBS News](#)) ■ **Injury Still Leading Cause of Death among Children: Update from *CDC Vital Signs***—Although the number of children dying from injuries dropped nearly 30% over the last decade, injury remains the leading cause of death among children: more than 9,000 U.S. children died from injuries in 2009. ([April 16 CDC Vital Signs](#)) ■ **Media Reports Highlight Airflow Issues in CDC's Infectious Diseases Laboratory**—Recent news stories suggest that a poorly engineered airflow system in the CDC's Building 18 could expose unprotected staff and visitors to dangerous airborne pathogens. CDC has responded that experiments are “done in an environment with highly skilled staff, technical equipment, and safety systems that unfortunately, at times, experience challenges.” ([June 12 USA Today](#); [June 13 ABC News](#); see [June 22 CNN](#) for the latest update and for portions of the CDC statement) ■ **Mixed Indicators for Overall Health of Americans**—Early findings from CDC's 2011 [National Health Interview Survey](#) are that Americans are exercising more and smoking less; more older Americans are getting immunized against pneumonia; Americans are more obese than ever and diabetes is increasing among older people; and 19.2% of Americans went without health care coverage during some part of 2011. ([June 19 US News and World Report](#); [June 19 Philadelphia Inquirer](#))



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Director's Highlights

Dr. Frieden Named APHL Champion for 2012—The Association of Public Health Laboratories announced during its 2012 Annual Meeting that CDC Director Frieden has been awarded the 2012 Champion of the Public Health Laboratory Award. ([May 23 APHL Press Release](#)) ■ **Frieden Featured at 2012 TEDMED**—CDC Director Frieden participated in the 2012 TEDMED, an annual event that gathers leaders and visionaries from all sectors. His presentation, [What Do You Do When Your Best Shot Falls Short?](#), was simulcast during the first ever TEDMED at CDC. (Also watch his [Q&A session on YouTube](#).) ■ **Frieden Delivers Commencement Speech at Oberlin College**—Dr. Frieden received an honorary Doctor of Science degree and was the [2012 commencement speaker](#) at Oberlin College, his alma mater. (Watch his [May 2012 address via Vimeo](#))

Advisory Committee to the Director Updates

We extend our deep appreciation for the guidance and wisdom of five of our Advisory Committee to the Director members whose terms of service end on June 30th: **Sandy Climan, Suzanne Delbanco, Mary Kelly, Jonathan Lord, and Eduardo Sanchez.**

Our next Advisory Committee to the Director meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2012. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Our Members

Benjamin K. Chu was named one of [Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Minority Executives](#). ([April 24 Kaiser Permanente Press Release](#)) ■ **Sandy Climan** may have found the next J K Rowling in Dubai-based author Linda Davies. ([June 15 Gulf News](#)) ■ **Lynne D. Richardson** is quoted in a press release about the "Health Care Innovation Award" the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York recently received from the Department of Health and Human Services. ([June 17 San Francisco Chronicle](#)) ■ **Sara Rosenbaum** is one of the lead authors of the second edition of *Law and the American Health Care System*, released by Foundation Press on May 15, 2012. ([May 23 Newswise Release from George Washington University](#)) ■ **Eduardo Sanchez** is interviewed about the successful wellness programs and activities at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas in the article "Healthiest Employers in North Texas." ([April 8 Dallas Business Journal](#))

FYI: Resources

- [CDC Calendar of Events](http://www.cdc.gov/about/newsEvents/events.htm) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/newsEvents/events.htm>)
- [CDC Vital Signs](http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/HAI/index.html) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/HAI/index.html>)
- [CDC Blogs](http://blogs.cdc.gov/) (URL: <http://blogs.cdc.gov/>)
- [Advisory Committee to the Director](http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm) (URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/about/advisory/advCharter.htm>)



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